

REMARKS

Claims 31-34, 36, and 37 are amended herein. Claims 3-6, 8, 10-13, 15, 16, 18-20, 22, 23, and 27-38 will be pending upon entry of this amendment.

The following remarks are responsive to the Office action dated February 22, 2007.

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claim 35 and the allowability of claims 18-20.

Interview Summary

Applicant and the undersigned thank Examiner Matzek for the telephonic interviews on May 1 and 3, 2007. During the interviews, the amendments to the claims as presented herein and U.S. Patent No. 6,093,663 (Ouellette) were discussed. An agreement was reached with respect to the patentability of all of the claims (i.e., claims 3-6, 8, 10-13, 15, 16, 18-20, 22, 23, and 27-38) over Ouellette. More specifically, a proposed amendment to claim 31, which was identical to the amendment made herein, was faxed to the Examiner for consideration. An agreement was reached that amended claim 31 was patentable over Ouellette. The other independent claims that stood rejected (i.e., claims 32-34, 36, and 37) have been amended in the same manner and therefore are also believed to be patentable over Ouellette.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and allowance of claims 3-6, 8, 10-13, 15, 16, 18-20, 22, 23, and 27-38 is respectfully requested.

Although applicants believe that no fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 19-1345 in the name of Senniger Powers.

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